REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1-6, 19-21 and 26-32 have been amended. Claims 7-18 and 22-25 have been

cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-6, 19-21 and 26-32 now are presented

for examination.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to carefully review the references

listed on the previously submitted Form PTO-1449 as identified in the parent application

of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time.

Accordingly, Applicant is not required to submit additional copies of the references that

were previously cited in the parent application and also, so as not to burden the file with

duplicate copies of such references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully

review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent

Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the details of the parent

application relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 in which copies of

the references were previously furnished at that time.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-16, 18-20, 22, 23, and 25-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as

being unpatentable over Coile, U.S. Patent No. 6,473,406 ("Coile") in view of Davis,

U.S. Patent No. 6,367,009 ("Davis").

Coile discloses "[a] system and method . . . for transparently *proxying a*

connection to a protected machine" (Abstract; emphasis provided). Coile further

discloses "[t]he present invention is useful in proxied applications that require a user to

connect with a *proxy machine that is different from the machine that holds the*

information that the user wants or to which the user otherwise wants to connect" (col. 5, lines 53-57).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites "sending a message from a client to a server, the <u>message to establish a secure connection</u>; <u>intercepting the message at a security system associated with the server</u> to perform authentication functions . . . establishing the secure connection" (emphasis provided). <u>Coile</u> discloses using a *proxy machine* that is *independent of the machine to which the user otherwise wants to connect* (e.g. a server to which the client wants to connect). <u>Coile</u> does not teach or reasonably suggest using a <u>security system associated with the server to intercept the message</u> to perform authentication functions, as recited by claim 1. By employing a *proxy machine that is independent of the machine to which the user wants to connect*, <u>Coile</u> teaches away from claim 1. <u>Davis</u>, like <u>Coile</u>, does not teach or reasonably suggest a <u>security system associated with the server to perform authentication functions by intercepting the message</u> to establish a secure connection between the client and the server.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claim.

Claims 19, 26 and 30 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1 and accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of claims 19, 26 and 30 and their dependent claims.

Claims 17 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Maher, U.S. Patent No. 6,125,349 ("Maher").

Claims 17 and 24 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Van, Oorschot, U.S. Patent No. 5,699,431 ("Van Oorschot").

Claim 21 depends from claim 19 and thus includes all the limitation of claim 19.

Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of claim 19 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
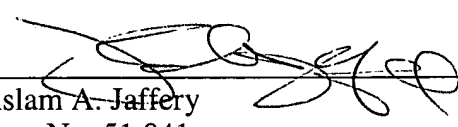
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Respectfully submitted,

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